(b) there has been no official statement, press release or disclosure by the Army on this subject.

(c) India has a free press and Government does not follow a restrictive policy towards the press.

Indo-Us cross-servicing agreement

1521. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to sign a cross-servicing agreement with the United States in near future;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the United States has already signed this type of treaty with Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) An Acquisition and Cross Servicing Agreement (ACSA) with the United States is under the consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) As per available information, an Acquisition and Cross Servicing Agreement was signed between Pakistan and United States on February 9, 2002. The Agreement seeks to facilitate the reciprocal provision of logistics support.

Curbing terror by Pakistan

1522. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH:
Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Army has indicated that there is no sign of Pakistan curbing terror;

(b) if so, whether according to Army sources, Pakistan Army adds fresh batches of Taliban terrorists crossing the border;

(c) if so, whether border firing continues on the LoC on a large scale; and